

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Appln. No.: 09/737,471
Attorney Docket No.: Q62150

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-9, 16, 23, 24, and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and claims 3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 10-15 and 17-21 are allowed and claims 22, 25, and 26 contain allowable subject matter.

Applicant does not acquiesce to the Examiner's reasons for maintaining the rejections. However, to further prosecution in the above-identified application, Applicant amends claims 1 and 22 to include the features of the allowable claims 22 and 25, respectively. Applicant also rewrites the allowable claim 26 into its independent form. Claims 4, 6-9, 16, 23, 24, and 27 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 1 or 2. Accordingly, this Amendment places the application in condition for immediate allowance.

Entry and consideration of this amendment are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and immediate allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. **If any points remain in issue, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.**

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